GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:617
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2007
PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION ON ACQUISITION OF LAND BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down for payment of compensation to farmers by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation on account of acquisition of their lands;

(b) the amount of compensation paid to the farmers by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation on this account during each of the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding payment of compensation;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the above period; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLIDEORA)

(a) & (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.617 BY SHRI JIVABHAI AMBALAL PATEL TO BE ANSWERED ON 17 MAY, 2007 REGARDING PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION ON ACQUISITION OF LAND BY ONGC

(a) to (b) ONGC acquires land on outright purchase or rental basis, as required, for carrying out its exploration and production activities. The land acquired on a temporary basis is restored to normal condition and returned to the farmer after the exploration work is over and the area/site is no longer required. However, once the hydrocarbon potential is established, the land is acquired on permanent basis. The amount of compensation is decided in accordance with the rates fixed by the Revenue Authorities of the State Governments concerned. Normally, payments of compensations are made within three months of acgyjsjion through the State Authorities to the land owner.

The state-wise details of compensation paid during 2005-06 and 2006-07 on account of acquisition of land are as under: -

S.No.	State(s)	2005-06 Rs. in lakh	2006-07 Rs. in lakh
1.	Assam	273.08	192.29
2.	Trjpura	102.43	332.30
3.	Gujarat	1743.74	2308.12
4.	Andhra Pradesh	41.32	42.28
5.	Tamil Nadu	272.93	342.00
6.	Himachal Pradesh	6.67	0.0
7	UP/MP	0.0	1.97
8.	Maharashtra	0.0	0.09
9.	West Bengal	21.03	0.0
10	Jharkhand	93.67	58.13
11.	Rajasthan	0.20	280.48

(c)to(e) ONGC has informed that no complaints regarding payment of compensation have been received. However, requests for enhancement of rate of compensation have been received. ONGC has revised the rates of compensation based on the recommendations of Revenue Departments of concerned states and compensation is being paid according to revised rates.